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TO ALL NATO CAPITALS IMMEDIATE

USNMR SHAPE IMMEDIATE

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MILITARY ADDRESSEE HANDLE AS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE

FOLLOWING REPEAT USNATO 2160 ACTION SECSTATE MAR 2.

QUOTE: S E C R E T USNATO 02160

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E.O. 11652:XGDS-1

TAGS: NATO, PARM, MNUC

SUBJECT: ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPON (ERW) PROPOSAL

REF: (A) BONN 13785, (B) USNATO 2085

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1. FRG PERMREP PAULS CONFIRMED OUR UNDERSTANDING, AS REPORTED REF (B), THAT HE HAD TOLD PERMREPS AT PRIVATE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 28 THAT FRG HAS DECIDED IN FAVOR OF US ERW PROPOSAL. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT HE BELIEVES UK WILL JOIN FRG IN SUPPORTING US PROPOSAL. HE WAS LESS

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SANGUINE ABOUT DUTCH OR BELGIANS BUT THOUGHT SCANDINAVIANS MIGHT BE WILLING TO REGISTER SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING WHILE CITING THEIR WELL-KNOWN VIEWS RE DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON THEIR OWN TERRITORY.

2. PAULS SAW PROBLEMS WITH MILITARY COMMITTEE STUDY (PARA 3 REF B), BUT SAID THAT ON BALANCE IT WAS BETTER

TO LET STUDY PROCEED AND SEEK TO CONTROL IT AT PERMREPS LEVEL THAN TO DRAW ATTENTION TO IT AND ENGENDER SUSPICION OF SMALLER ALLIES BY TRYING TO BLOCK IT.

3. WE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF CALL ON SEPARATE SUBJECT TO ASK BELGIAN PERMREP SCHUURMANS IN LOW-KEY MANNER IF HE HAD ANY FURTHER VIEWS ON FEBRUARY 28 PERMREPS MEETING ERW DISCUSSION. SCHUURMANS SAID HE HOPED HAVE INSTRUCTIONS IN TIME FOR PORPOSED MARCH 22 MEETING. HE EXPECTED BELGIAN OFFICIALS WOULD FOCUS PARTICULARLY ON ARMS CONTROL ELEMENT OF US PROPOSAL. HE ALSO BELIEVED MC STUDY WAS DESIRABLE.

4. RE MC STUDY, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF MILITARY COMMITTEE LTGEN CANTLAY (US) TOLD US STUDY WAS BEING CLOSELY HELD IN MC. HE SAID INSTRUCTIONS FOR ITS PREPARATION CALLED FOR AN ANALYSIS OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ERW AND SS-20; AN ANALYSIS OF WHAT THE ALLIANCE WOULD FOREGO MILITARILY IF THE ERW WAS NOT DEPLOYED AND WHAT THE ALLIANCE WOULD GAIN MILITARILY IF THE SOVIETS DID NOT DEPLOY THE SS-20. HE SAID THE MC WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO COMPARE THE TRADEOFFS NOR TO STRIKE A BALANCE OF PRO'S AND CON'S.

5. LASTLY, FINANCIAL TIMES ARTICLE ON ERW (USNATO 2155) HAS SET OFF LOCAL WIRE SERVICE REPORTERS ON SCOOP HUNT.  
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WE ARE USING GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY WASHINGTON AND HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH NATO OFFICIALS TO WORK TO HOLD THE LINE.

6. ACTION: REQUEST DEPARTMENT PASS TO ALL NATO CAPITALS AND TO USNMR SHAPE/GENERAL HAIG. GLITMAN UNQUOTE VANCE

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